GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3025
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PASSENGER FACILITIES AT RAILWAY STATIONS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether many Railway stations in large cities (like Delhi, Mumbai, Calcutta) are not able to cope with the present day traffic needs, and are generally crowded;

(b) if so, the programme of the Government to improve them in terms of, entries and exists from two sides of the station, separation of pedestrian movements from light vehicular traffic, separation of light vehicular from heavy vehicular traffic and adequate parking of different modes of vehicles;

(c) whether assessment of the total funds required for such facilities have been made; and

(d) if so, the different sources of funding for this essential work?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINIST RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL)

(a) to (d) A statement is attached.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (d) OF UNSTARRED QUESTION NO. 3025 BY DR. SAHIB S VERMA, SHRI K.E. KRISHNAMURTHY AND SHRI AKBOR ALI KHANDOKER TO BE ANSWERED IN LOK SABHA ON 21.(REGARDING PASSENGER FACILITIES AT RAILWAY STATIONS

(a)&(b) The stations are able to meet the present day traffic needs. However, congestion may occur at major railway stations in the morning and evening hours due to peak passenger traffic at these times. To cope with increasing traffic, measures have been taken by Railways to ensure the free flow of traffic to and from railway stations like provision of both sides entries and exits at important stations, provision of pathways for pedestrian, adequate parking facilities for different modes of vehicles etc. Further, additional spaces have been created at some platforms and concourse of stations by measures like reduction in the size of catering stalls, providing seating arrangements around pillars, provision of additional Foot over Bridges (FOB) for faster dispersal of passengers, locating enquiry counters near FOBs. Providing additional platforms, separate suburban terminal etc. are also being undertaken at some important stations to ease the congestion at such stations.

(c)&(d) The passenger traffic has been growing continuously and provision/upgradation of such facilities is a continuous process. Every year some new works are sanctioned in addition to the ongoing works in progress. It is difficult to quantify the exact amount of funds required to be provided at various major stations as arising of such needs with time is a continuous process. Funds for such works are allotted under Plan head `Passenger Amenities`, `Traffic Facilities & Yard Remodelling` etc. based on the actual type of work required.